

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-30, 32-68 and 70-78 are pending in the application.

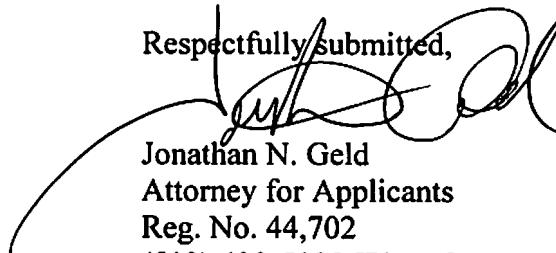
Applicants express their appreciation is expressed for the indicated allowability of Claims 1-10, 12-30, 32-68 and 70-78. A Request for Continued Examination that caused the present Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment was provided with an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement that provides identification of two references of which Applicants have recently become aware. Applicants are therefore providing these references to the Examiner for the pending claims to be considered in light of these references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,



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